

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 27, and ending at page 10, line 7 to read as follows:

A₁ The salivation region of the confectionery product will contain a salivation agent in combination with the confectionery base. The salivation agent is present in an amount effective to promote salivation in the oral cavity. Any orally acceptable compound that promotes salivation in the oral cavity may be used as a salivation agent. Exemplary salivation agents include acidulents, cooling compounds, salts, salt enhancers, monosodium glutamate (MSG), MSG enhancers, flavors and mixtures thereof.

Acidulents are a preferred salivation agent. Exemplary acidulents include citric acid, malic acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, tartaric acid, acetic acid, lactic acid and mixtures thereof.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 31 and ending at page 14, line 13 to read as follows:

A₂ This invention is also directed to a method of preparing a confectionery product having a salivation region and an oral comfort region that is